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**Manhattan Chamber Players**

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023  
8:00 pm.

We welcome this innovative group, a collective of NYC-based musicians, all long-time friends and colleagues, which has been featured frequently on NPR's *Performance Today*. It has been singled out for its "fascinating program concept," described as "an auditory version of a virtual wine-tasting."

**Trio Zimbalist**

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023  
8:00 pm.

Violinist Josef Spaček, cellist Timotheos Gavriilikis-Petrin, and pianist George Xiaoyuan Fu are distinguished alumni of the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia. Their trio has been lauded for its "liveliness and vigor of playing" and performances that were "pure enjoyment."

**Escher String Quartet**

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023  
8:00 pm.

The Escher SQ has received acclaim for its "profound musical insight" and "rare tonal beauty." Recipient of an Avery Fisher Career Grant, the group makes regular appearances at London's Wigmore Hall, among many other venues. On October 21<sup>st</sup>, they will be joined by **guitarist Jason Vieaux** as guest artist.

**Le Consort**

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023  
8:00 pm.

A major presence on the French Baroque scene, this ensemble is comprised of two violinists, a cellist, and a harpsichordist. The group takes chamber music from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries and interprets it with a personal, dynamic, and colorful language. Their performances throughout Europe and on French classical radio stations have received wide critical and audience acclaim.

**Joseph Parrish, bass-baritone and Chelsea Guo, piano & soprano**

Sunday, March 10, 2024  
3:00 pm.

Both are winners of the 2022 YCA Susan Wadsworth International Auditions and our Performance Awards. Parrish, a Baltimore native, holds degrees from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and the Juilliard School. Guo has gained international recognition performing both as pianist and soprano. She debuted at age nine as pianist with the Tianjin Symphony Orchestra, graduated with honors from Juilliard School's pre-college as a double major, and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Music in piano at Juilliard.

**Michelle Cann, piano**

Saturday, April 13, 2024  
8:00 pm.

Praised as "technically fearless with...an enormous rich sound," Cann has been performing with prominent orchestras since the age of fourteen. She is the recipient of the 2022 Sphinx Medal of Excellence, the highest honor bestowed by that organization, as well as of the 2022 Andrew Wolf Chamber Music Award.

**Isidore String Quartet**

Sunday, April 28, 2024  
3:00 pm.

This dynamic ensemble, winner of the 14th Banff International String Quartet Competition in 2022, has toured extensively throughout North America and Europe and has been Ensemble-in-Residence at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Recent concerts have included those at Washington's Kennedy Center and at the Mannes School of Music in New York.

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